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Becomes Once More the Book of Devotion," are quite superficial in their discussions. The author does not grasp the bigness of his theme with that masterfulness which it demands. In fact, the complexity and vastness of the influence which he seeks to describe quite elude him in the latter half of his instructive volume.

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PEAKE, A. S. *The Bible: Its Origin, Its Significance and Its Abiding Worth.*

London: Hodder & Stoughton; New York: George H. Doran Co., 1913.

xxxvi+513 pages. \$2.00 net.

Students of the Bible welcome everything that will clarify the puzzling problems that stare them in the face whenever they take account of the advances of modern critical study. Professor Peake has had many years' experience in the classroom and fully appreciates the layman's perplexities. For more than ten years he has been publishing popular articles and reading papers before assemblies which have set forth the modern views of the Bible.

The present volume of twenty-four chapters contains nothing new and is rather miscellaneous in character; that is, the themes treated do not constitute a unit. The mere naming of the subjects will indicate the diversity of the separate chapters. Of these, in order from the first, we find "The Situation," "The Method and Temper of the Apologist," "New Light on the Bible," "The Bible in the Original Languages and in English," "The Problem of the Canon," "The Lower Criticism," "The Legitimacy and Necessity of Biblical Criticism," "The Story of Old Testament Criticism," "Reasons for the Critical View of the Old Testament," "The Conservative Reply to the Old Testament Critics," "The Critic and the Apologist," etc.

Part of the first chapters have already appeared in the *Sunday Strand*, and other parts in the *Contemporary Review* and the *Interpreter*. At least four papers read before meetings of various kinds find publication here.

The author presents his opinions in clear, concise English, easily understood. His position is fundamentally the modern one, with only slight variations here and there tending toward conservatism. The superabundant use of the first personal pronoun sometimes becomes, to say the least, rather monotonous and insipid.

The book is eminently healthful reading for the layman who would know the really modern view of the Bible, its origin, significance, and permanent value.

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OLD TESTAMENT

DEIMEL, ANTONIUS, assisted by ROMEO PANARA, JOS. PATSCH, and NIC.

SCHNEIDER. *Pantheon Babylonicum, Nomina Deorum e textibus cuneiformibus excerpta, etc.* Rome: Sumptibus pontificii instituti biblici, 1914. xvi+264 pages and 35 plates.

A volume which will be of the greatest help to students of the cuneiform literature is the *Pantheon Babylonicum*, an alphabetical arrangement of the names of all the Babylonian deities with citations of the passages where these are mentioned. The use of the volume in the classroom for a few months has revealed a number of inconsistencies, which do not, however, impair the usefulness of the work.

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